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Paper No. 4

In re application of	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Rodger Burrows	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application No. 09/910,654	:	(INFRINGEMENT)
Filed: July 20, 2001		
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR		
ELECTRONICALLY STORING		
TRAVEL AGENT'S COUPONS		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R § 1.102(d) filed January 21, 2003 to make the above-identified application special.

The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special under the procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, item II: Infringement.

MPEP 708.02 states that a Petition to Make Special based on Infringement must have the following: (1) the appropriate petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i); (2) a statement by the assignee, applicant, or attorney alleging: (A) that there is an infringing device or product actually on the market; (B) that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device or product with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (C) that he or she has made a careful and thorough search of the prior art, or has good knowledge of the prior art, and has sent a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

The petition filed January 21, 2003 does not fully meet requirement 2(C), above. In view of this deficiency, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

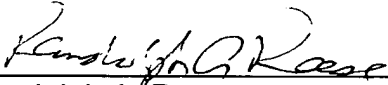
Attached to the petition is a listing of 24 alleged pieces of prior art, including eight WIPO references. Applicant has not submitted complete copies of the WIPO references. Instead, Applicant has only submitted the first pages thereof.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **DISMISSED**.



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